

08/24/2015

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will hold public meetings to accept comments on the Department's plans to ensure compliance with Federal rules which require home and community based services to be provided in "community-like" settings. At these public meetings, DHHS will provide a brief overview of the requirements of Final Rule CMS 2249-F and CMS 2296-F published in the Federal Register on 1/16/14 which became effective 3/17/14. DHHS will provide an update regarding the scheduled day and residential site reviews which will be conducted over the next several months and the draft tools DHHS intends to utilize to complete the reviews. Public meeting dates, times and locations:

- **Grand Island:** 09/02/2015, 3:00-4:00 p.m. CST, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 208 N. Pine Street, Grand Island, NE
- **Norfolk:** 09/22/2015, 4:00-5:00 p.m. CST, Lifelong Learning Center, 601 E Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE
- **Omaha:** 09/25/2015, 3:00-4:00 p.m. CST, Autism Center of Nebraska, Inc., 9012 Q Street, Omaha, NE
- **Kearney:** 09/28/2015, 5:30-6:30 p.m. CST, Kearney Public Library, South Platte Room, 2020 1st Ave. Kearney, NE
- **Lincoln (Live MTG and Video Conference):** 09/24/2015, 1:30-3:30 p.m. CST, NET Board Room, 1800 North 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE

Video Conferencing Sites available:

- **Columbus** – Columbus Public Library, Columbus Room Second Floor, 2504 14th Street, Columbus, NE
- **North Platte** – ESU #16, Distance Learning Room 1221 W 17th Street, North Platte, NE
- **Omaha** – Omaha State Office Building, Room 207, 1313 Farnam, Omaha, NE

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments or to attend and comment at the meeting. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5:00pm 09/30/2015 and should be emailed to DHHS.HCBSPublicComments@nebraska.gov, faxed to 402-471-9449 attention Bernie Hascall or sent to Department of Health and Human Services, attention Bernie Hascall, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO BOX 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026.

The transition plan, draft assessment tool and background materials can be viewed on the Department's website beginning 07/01/2015 at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/hcs.aspx>. The transition plan, draft tools and background materials can also be requested via mail, email or by phone at 877-667-6266.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are need to participate, please call 877-667-6288. For persons with hearing impairments please call DHHS at 402-471-9570 (voice and TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at 711 or 800-833-7352 at least 2 weeks before the hearing date.

Sincerely,

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